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I would like to express my feeling that the proposed settlement is wholly inadequate, and not at all in the public interest. In particular, the settlement does not set out any protections for those developing Windows compatible operating systems. The settlement provides for API disclosure, but only for ensuring compatibility /with/ Windows, which is to say /not/ compatibility with Windows applications for a Windows compatible OS. A Windows compatible operating system, capable of running Windows applications, is one of the most likely ways that a true competitor to the Windows monopoly can develop. Without leaving the door open for direct, compatible competition with Windows, the settlement will help cement Microsoft's monopoly in place.

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